

1942

To The Mayor Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Aldeburgh.

This is my Annual Report as directed by Circular 2773 of
March 16th 1943, and consists mostly of statistics.

The chief matters of interest are :-

The phenomenally prolonged spell of cold weather at the
beginning of the year.

The result of Diptheria Immunisation.

Mr. P.G. Shute's second visit on May 19th, 1942 and his
Report which was circulated to every member of the Council.

STATISTICS:

Population. This varied from 1517 at the beginning
to 1681 at the end of the year. I have taken 1550 as
the mean.

The Registrar General estimates it at 1559

Number of Inhabited Houses.

On Rate book last year	887	
Rendered uninhabitable by enemy action	<u>11</u>	
	876	
Empties	<u>56</u>	
	<u>820</u>	Inhabited or furnished including those used for war purposes.

Rateable Value.

Estimated April 5th, 1943. £22,766.
Sum represented by penny Rate £80.

General Rate. 12/- in the pound, of which 10/- is for the County Council.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	10	16	- 26
Illegitimate	1	1	- 2
			<u>28</u>

Rate per thousand Population 18.06
(Rate for England and Wales. 15.8.)

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	-	- 1
Illegitimate	-	-	- -
			<u>1</u>

Rate per total of 1,000 live and still Births 36.7.
(Rate for England and Wales 0.54.)

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	21	14	<u>35</u>
Crude Death Rate	22.58		
Comparative Rate	18.11		
(Rate for England and Wales)	11.6		

Infant Mortality. A mother was delivered of twin girls at Ipswich Hospital and both the girls died during the first week of their lives from an epidemic of Summer Diarrhoea which was prevailing in the Ward at the time and which proved fatal to several other infants.

These deaths gives us a rate of 71-4 per thousand live births. The rate for England and Wales is 49.

Taking the average for the last four years our rate is 36.3.

Causes of Death. Violence 8., Heart 7., Cancer 5., Senility 4., Apoplexy 4., Summer Diarrhoea.2., Other Diseases 2., Bronchitis 1., non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis 1., Nephritis 1.

No deaths from Measles or Whooping Cough.

Ages at which death occurred.

Under one	2.	65 - 69	2.
1 - 2	1.	70 - 74	7.
15 - 25	2.	75 - 79	3.
25 - 45	3.	80 - 84	5.
45 - 65	7.	85 - 89	1.
	90- 91	2.	

The average age for each death was M.63. F.55.6.
The Senile group over 65 do. M.76. F.80.

Nursing.

The District Nurse made 2,246 visits, about 600 less than last year, in addition to her maternity and work at the Infant Welfare Centre.

Maternity Work.

The Cottage Hospital being an E.M.S. was still closed for confinements and so mothers had no choice between their own homes and a local Hospital.

The District Nurse attended twenty confinements, seven times with a doctor and thirteen times as a Midwife when a doctor had to be summoned on five occasions.


Infant Welfare Work.

Was again carried out at the W.V.S. when the attendances were nearly double that of last year.

Sessions held	51
Total attendances	1,284
Infants under 1 yr.	316
1 - 5 yrs.	968
First attendance under 1 year	24.
" " 1 - 5 years	17.

Water.

Samples of water were sent up quarterly to Ipswich and after the Air Raid on December 15th another sample was sent up to Professor Ditafield who reported on Dec. 22.



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Free Chlorine detectable 72 hours after the sample was collected with very good bacteriological findings. Chlorination must have been good.

Rainfall.

The readings of G.E. Sunderland-Taylor and Mrs. Gimson were 23.27 and 24.55 inches respectively which is about the same as last year and $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches less than 1939.

The monthly returns appear on the back of my Report.

Temperature.

The mean annual Temperature was 48.56 degrees F, nearly the same as last year.

The coldest day was January 13th when there was seventeen degrees of frost, but it was the length of the cold spell that was most unusual as the spell lasted nearly until mid March, a period of ten weeks. From the available statistics there seems to be no doubt that this year's January and February taken together were unrivalled for sustained vigour by any corresponding pair of months since 1895 when navigation on the upper tidal reaches of the Thames were last restricted by ice floes.

With the possible exception of 1855 (the "Crimcan" winter) we have to go back to 1836 for a parallel experience.

The hottest days came at the end of August when the maximum in the shade was 85.83 and 84 for three consecutive days, last year the highest maximum was 87 on July 9th.

Schools.

At the end of September Mr. H.W. Witham, having reached the age limit, had to retire after twenty-one years faithful service. To show how much his work was appreciated he was presented with a substantial cheque and an illuminated album containing the names of all the subscribers. Mr. J. Pilgrim has been appointed in his place.

War conditions evidently have affected the average attendance, as the following figures will show.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Av: No. on Books.</u>	<u>Av: attendance.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
1942	165.4.	141.4.	85.8.
1938	252.2.	234.9.	93.07.

Housing.

No new houses were built during the year.

Infectious Diseases.

We were very free from notifications, only receiving five during the year. These were

	<u>Ages.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
2 Scarlet Fever		10	3
1 Chicken Pox		4	
1 Pura: Pyrexia.			27
1 Diphtheria			58

The Diphtheria was contracted by a woman when she was visiting her grandchild at the Hospital but the daughter (the mother of the child) who was suffering from Peritonitis did not contract the disease.

There was one case of Non-Pulmonary Peritonitis (the child, a male aged 1 year and three weeks) who died at Ipswich Hospital mentioned above.

This case was not notified.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The following figures show the official returns for 1941 and 1942.

<u>Number.</u>	<u>Sept.30.</u>	<u>June 30.</u>	<u>Dec.31.</u>	
<u>Innoculated</u>	<u>1941.</u>	<u>1942.</u>	<u>1942.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1 - 5 years	53	30	46	153
5 - 15 "	100	8	10	118
<u>Population</u>				
1 - 5 years	71	101	131	
5 - 15 "	121	163	198	
<u>Percentage</u>				
1 - 5 years	83.09	78	98.19	
5 - 15 "	99.1	95	96.96.	

I am, Your obedient Servant,

Rainfall in inches by Mr. G.E.
Sunderland-Taylor.

January	2.97.
February	.80.
March	2.33.
April	.63.
May	1.68.
June	.72.
July	2.38.
August	1.01.
September	2.05.
October	3.99.
November	2.93.
December	1.98.

Temperature in degrees F. by
Mrs. Gimson.

32.38.
31.6.
38.74.
46.95.
52.17.
57.13.
61.5.
63.61.
59.6.
53.56.
43.21.
42.14.

23.27. (23.48 last year). Mean Annual Temperature 48.55.
Last year it was 43.56.

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